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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yutaka SUENAGA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/615,081

Group Art Unit: 2872

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For: CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

EQUIPPED WITH THE SAME

**AMENDMENT** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 8 at line 21:

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a catadioptric optical system for projecting said predetermined pattern of said mask disposed on said first surface onto a photosensitive substrate disposed on said second surface.